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Hongkong, 24th December, 1900. [3242]

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On the 19th December at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Rev. D. Holland Stubbs, Arthur Coulcher to JENNETH AMELIA, THeresa HABEKOST.

DEATH.
On the 21st December, 1900, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, ROBERT DOWKIE, late Master of steamer *Pekin*.

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VŒUX ROAD CL.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, December 29th, 1900

THAT THE EMPEROR KWANG HSU will shortly return to Peking, and that negotiations for peace will then commence in earnest there now seems no reasonable doubt. The Empress Dowager and her tools have long and strenuously resisted this move, but they are beginning, apparently, to feel that further opposition to His Majesty's return to the Capital would be useless and only retard and render more difficult any chance of a settlement with the Treaty Powers. If it be correct that the Empress Dowager has decided to proceed to Wuchang, such fact may be construed to mean either that the old lady has thrown up the sponge altogether and decided to retire, or that she hopes to so influence CHANG-CHIN-TUNG and his fellow Viceroys of Central China as to induce them to offer a passive resistance to foreign demands and wear out foreign endurance and patience by ever extending delays. The Empress Dowager is so dogged and so opposed to foreigners generally that she certainly would not stick at any scheme which might seem to offer a chance of checkmating the enemy. There would seem to be another course open to the Treaty Powers which would effectually dispose of all opportunity for the treachery to which the Chinese officials so constantly resort when cornered. That course hardly needs indicating. It is so obvious that he that runs may read. An exaggerated respect for the person of a ruler has so far prevented the Powers from coming to the reasonable determination to depose and hold as a state prisoner the Empress Dowager, but the divinity that is supposed to hedge a king hardly appertains to the concubine of a former Emperor, who has risen from the ranks. Though the Empress Dowager is a woman of undoubted ability, and has shown equal craft and courage, yet she is not a person for whose feelings any great degree of sympathy need be displayed. She has had her innings and has used it to her own great benefit. For more than thirty years she has, as regent or as

usurper, managed to sway the destinies of China and has pulled the strings which have ordered its policy. Always secretly inimical to foreigners, she has consistently succeeded in keeping the clock of progress set back, and in relegateing all wise and useful measures of reform to the background. Her latest developments, as patroness of the Boxers and the sanctioner of massacre and

outrage, have proved that only the opportunity was lacking for her to display a refined cruelty worthy of Eastern tyrants of old time or any modern semi-civilised savages. For our part, we see no reason to treat Her Majesty with exceptional indulgence. She has imbruted her hands in innocent blood and has been guilty of barbarous butcheries. Moreover, she cannot be trusted for the future. It would be better therefore to strip her of the power to work evil. We would not advocate unnecessary severity, but it would undoubtedly be wise policy to exile this offender to another country, where she could ruminate on the instability of human affairs and the probability of a Nemesis overtaking wrong-doing even in exalted places. This would be a wonderful object lesson to the Chinese people and would impress them more profoundly with the far-reaching power of the Western States than any display of force or a hundred sanguinary victories on the field of battle. More especially would the lesson find enforcement if it were taught synchronously with a benevolent and friendly support of the Emperor KWANG HSU at Peking. If on the other hand the Empress Dowager is allowed to reside where she wishes, to exercise the powers and assume the state of a monarch, and to receive the homage of the people, she will soon again become potent for mischief, and possibly succeed in stirring up ill-feeling to foreigners in parts hitherto comparatively free from the Boxer crusade.

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Inspector McEwan, of the Naval Yard, with four members of the town police, last evening celebrated his tenth year in the colony by entertaining a number of the town police, with their friends, to a dinner in Thomas's Grill Rooms. The company numbered twenty-five, and there were three pipers in attendance, who beguiled the evening with reels, schottishes, etc. Mrs. McEwan, wife of the host, sang several Scotch songs very creditably, after which Inspectors McNab and Cuthbert, on behalf of the company, thanked Inspector McEwan for the entertainment so generously provided. Dancing was then indulged in until midnight.

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The Duke of Manchester and his bride will visit India shortly.

Up to the 21st inst. there were reported at Singapore 210 cases of cholera and 184 deaths.

The Viceroy of India has refused to interfere with the sentence of death passed upon the Cawnpore plague rioters.

Sir Arthur Trevor, Public Works Member, and the Hon. Mr. Raleigh, Legal Member of the Indian Viceroy's Council, have been on a tour throughout Burma.

The Dallas Opera Company will open its season at Singapore with a company of thirty-four members, in the operatic comedy *San Toy* on the 1st prox.

The Maharajah of Mysore will pay a visit to Burma early next month and will travel over the Burma Railway system, probably visiting Maymyo and the Gokteik Gorge.

The principal dignitary under the Grand Lama of Tibet, the Dalai Lama, is shortly expected to visit Ceylon on his way to Siam whether he is bound on a special mission.

Tom Sharkey and Jim Jeffries, the American champion, are matched for a fight to a finish next June for the championship of the world, and the winner will take all the proceeds of the contest, which will probably take place at Carson City, Nevada.

Before the *Glory*, battleship, Captain F. S. Ingoldsby, left Portsmouth on the 24th ult. for the China Station, she was fitted with wireless telegraphy apparatus, and by this means maintained communication with the *Hector*, the school of wireless telegraphy at Portsmouth, until she was 50 miles from the port.

Mr. W. S. Froud, R. N., who is remembered in Hongkong as one of the best amateur actors who has ever been out here, more especially in the part of Gaspard in *Les Coquilles de Cornecille*, has lately been taking part with notable success in Sydney Grundy's comedietta *Aut Propterea* at the Portland Hall, Southwark, performed on behalf of the local convalescent home for children.

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Dr. Morrison, telegraphing to the Times from Peking on the 24th ult., said:- Russia, having undertaken to return the Tientsin-Shantung railway to the allied troops, suddenly changed her determination, announcing that, in accordance with orders from St. Petersburg, she will retain the railway till her troops are withdrawn from Chihli. The change was coincident with the arrival of Prince Ukhomtzy, whose mission avowedly concerns the railway question. To the Chinese, Russia explains that she is retaining the railway in the interests of China, and the Chinese profess to believe her assurances just as they believed they witnessed a friendly act in Russia's withdrawing troops from the Chinese capital in order to strengthen her forces operating in the Chinese province of Manchuria.

The *N.C. Daily News* in its issue of the 24th inst. says:- We are glad to be able to state on the best authority that the report current in Peking and Tientsin that the German expedition to Kalgan met with any reverse is entirely unfounded. The only delay, a very brief one, was when Count York, finding that General Ho was awaiting him with a large force, sent back for guns, but during the whole expedition no opposition was encountered. As to the melancholy death of Count York, it appears that, as he was very cold in the hut in which he was sleeping, a stove was brought in. His adjutant slept in the same place, only a curtain dividing them. The adjutant heard some noises in the night, but did not think they were of any importance, and in the morning Count York was found dead, as already reported. In the post mortem examination his lungs were found to be so seriously diseased that the fumes of the stove, which would not have hurt him if he had been in good health, overpowered him.

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TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

GERMAN STEAMER
WRECKED ON THE
YANGTZE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

SHANGHAI, 28th December, 12.5 p.m.

The Ichang-Chungking steamer *Suihsiang* has been totally lost at the Sintan rapid, 50 miles above Ichang on the Yangtze. The captain was drowned.

SHANGHAI, 28th December, 3.10 p.m.

The German Upper Yangtze steamer *Suihsiang*, while proceeding to Chungking on her first voyage, was totally wrecked sixty miles above Ichang. Captain Breitig was drowned.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

LONDON, 27th December, 6.55 p.m.

FRENCH SUCCESS IN CHIHILI.

Count von Waldersee reports to Berlin that the French troops have taken the town of Chochau, in Chihli, and have burnt the town itself and the surrounding villages. The enemy lost a thousand men and four guns, the French nil.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 27th December, 6.55 p.m.

DE WET AIMING AT THE SOUTH.

General Knox is fighting Commandant De Wet, who hopes to get south from Leeuwkop.

BETTER NEWS OF CAPE COLONY.

Lord Kitchener's reports on the Boer raiding of Cape Colony are now reassuring.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 27th December, 6.55 p.m.

LOSS OF A JAPANESE DREDGER.

The Japanese dredger *Santo*, bound from Glasgow to Formosa, has founder off Queenstown Harbour. Twelve Japanese were drowned.

OBITUARY.

Lord Armstrong, head of the Elswick Works, is dead.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 26th December.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

Lord Kitchener is at De Aar, taking measures to crush the invasion of Cape Colony.

A British force has occupied Britstown without opposition. The Boers retired in the direction of Prieska.

COUNT VON BULOW DECORATED.

The Emperor William has conferred the Order of the Black Eagle on Count von Bulow. This is regarded in Berlin as specially significant in view of Count von Bulow's attitude in regard to the Boer war.

LONDON, 26th December.

FRANCE.

The Senate has adopted the Dreyfus Amnesty Bill.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

President McKinley has forwarded the Hay-Pancrefato Treaty to London, but refrains from comment. The London Press is calm, but says the Treaty is quite unacceptable in its amended form.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

Large numbers of troops are being sent to the Cape from the North. Very few Colonials are joining the invaders.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, with mails &c, left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 22nd inst.

The N. P. steamer *Clarendon* sailed from Takao on the 27th inst.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Mademoiselle* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 2nd prox.

THE THIRD SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT.

Mosses, Marsh and Ward's third subscription concert, which was given on Thursday evening at the St. George's Hall, was a brilliant success.

The concert-givers for the third time within a comparatively short period have proved equal to the task of avoiding the commonplace, and providing the public with a vocal and instrumental bill-of-fare to suit the tastes of even the most exacting.

Of the expectant audience who filled the hall on Thursday evening none can be departed unsatisfied, or failed to recognise that every item on the well-selected programme was as good, as any of its predecessors,

and quite up to the standard of the concert-givers' previous successes.

Indeed, the musicianship and vigour of many of the pieces gave them a value of a higher kind than generally arises from mere effectiveness in the ordinary concert-room, and the programme was sufficiently varied and difficult to test the musical instinct and intelligence of each individual performer.

Distinguished as each effort was by genuine feeling, musical charm, and originality of expression, the audience could not help extending to the performers their hearty demonstrations of approval; and it must have been a pleasant reminder to Messrs. Marsh and Ward themselves that the Hongkong people were fully conscious of, and could unmistakeably recognize and appreciate, solid natural talent when it was placed before them.

Mrs. Muldoe was down for two items in the second part of the programme, but it was announced that through a temporary indisposition she had been prevented from attending.

The programme opened with a piano-duet of two very effective Spanish dances by Mesars.

Lamert and Ward

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE of HONGKONG and SOUTH CHINA will hold its TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING at the Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, at 9 P.M. THIS EVENING, the 29th December. All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

A. O. D. GOURLIN,
D. G. Secretary.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3283]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been favoured with instructions to sell by Public Auction, at the Siege Train Bullock Lines, Kowloon, ON MONDAY, the 7th January, 1901, at 3 P.M., Ten FINE LARGE BULLOCKS in Good Condition. For further particulars, apply to HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers to the Government. Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3277]

THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a HANDICAP SWEEP-STAKES TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 29th inst., commencing at 2.30 P.M. Entries on the Range till 3 P.M. Entrance 50 cents, divided into three prizes with \$30 added. Range—200, 500 and 600 yards. Position prone.

Shots seven and one eighth.
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3283]

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN Accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the undermentioned Banks will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY, the 1st January, 1901.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, T. P. COCHRANE, Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCHANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency, L. BERINDOAGUE, Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, J. C. BERGENDAHL, Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, TARO HODSUMI, Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK, H. SCHOTTLAENDER, Acting Manager. Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3280]

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned Insurance Offices will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY, the 1st January, 1901.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED, General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

For the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

W. J. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

For the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

W. H. PERCIVAL, Agent.

For the CHINA TRADES' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

H. P. WADMAN, Acting Secretary.

For the YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO., Agents.

For the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

GEO. L. TOMLIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3279]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS is now ready and contains:

Leading Articles.—Affairs at Christmas.

The Repression of British Energy.

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Overcrowding and Expansion.

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Russian Operations in Manchuria.

The Crisis in China.

Bellies Public School for Girls.

Charge against a Company Director.

Christmas at the Fleet.

Children's Gala Day at the Central Police Station.

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The Theatre.

Canton.

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NOTICE.

FOR SALE in H. M. NAVAL YARD, by private treaty, about 7 Tons of OLD CAST and FORGED STEEL, and 10 Tons of WROUGHT IRON.

Also a Quantity of MACHINERY and SHOP PLANT in a serviceable or repairable condition.

The Articles may be seen on application to the Chief Engineer, and Forms of Tender obtained from the NAVAL STORE OFFICE.

Tenders marked "OLD IRON MATERIALS" should be placed in the Box at the Main Gate not later than NOON, on FRIDAY, 4th January, 1901.

By Order.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3276]

WANTED.

A PORTUGUESE CLERK, with some Office Routine. Applications stating Salary required.

Address—

A. L., Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1900. [3282]

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

MONDAY.

MONDAY EVENING, 31st Dec.

The favorite Ladies' Drama

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TUESDAY—NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

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PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

WEDNESDAY.

JANUARY 9TH, 1901.

LESENSES AND PROPRIETORS:

Mrs. N. CHESTER, Messrs. A. H. and E. J.

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AFTER AN ABSENCE OF 4 YEARS,

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OF

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN OPERA CO.

OF 50 PERFORMERS, IN

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With Full Scenic, Musical and Limelight Effects.

FOR 2 NIGHTS ONLY.

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Under the Direction of Mr. A. B. MOULTON.

Leader—Mr. G. BRAICO.

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Limelights under Miss FORD.

Plan at ROBINSON'S. Prices as Usual.

A. LEVEY, Business Manager.

Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1900. [3205]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR HAIPHONG.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING."

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above

TO-MORROW, the 30th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1900. [3274]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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